



HIMBA Board meeting October 20, 2020

The Meeting came to order at 7:35.

Present: Jill Candlish, Tom Rutherford, Taio Samuel, Jennifer Armstrong, Tig Cross, Jeremy Payne, Peggy Kabush, Will Wood-Mcdonnell, Cameron Duke & Brett Martens.

Reports:

Finance Committee:

- Tig gave a report regarding signing authority .
- We reintroduced and passed the motion to transfer signing authority to Tig and Peggy.

Trails Committee Report

Tom Rutherford reports:

- Great work day on Genuine Draft. Last weekend spent addressing maintenance issues on the way and Bitchin' Camaro.
- In a couple of weeks Daniel and Mark from the RD will be coming over to inspect the Black Diamond trails.
- Tom is not sure what their goals are but to be safe he has put up a few signs on the more difficult features to make sure that we have done our due diligence.
- Tom would also like to bring them over to Free Fall to show them the idea we have for an extension on Free Fall.

Membership Engagement:

- We are updating the email forwarding lists to get emails to where they need to go.
- Peggy asked how we determine membership. At this point you become a member for life, or until you ask to be taken off the list.
- Jill answered that when a person contact us and asks to be a member we add them to a list and they start to get emails
- Membership engagement committee will make an effort to work out a formal system for membership.
- Tig needs to add Taio, Cam and perhaps Jennifer to the WP user list.

Interlude for New HIMBA Board Member Intro's

- Jill at this point welcomed the new members to the board, Taio, Cam, and Will. She expects that HIMBA's importance will grow as Mountain Biking on Hornby grow in popularity.

- Jill referenced our board and committee guidelines. The Board is the main group, but will be limited to 9 members to keep it running smoothly. Anyone who would like to be involved on a committee is always free to join that committee. The committee chair is responsible for calling meetings
- Jill She asks that we be sparring about our use of “reply all” if using the HIMBA mailing list.

Return to Membership Engagement:

No Horses Race:

- Jer will run the No Horses Race again in 2021.
- HIMBA Members will participate and help out as usual, but this race is Unruly, Unsanctioned Etc. SO HIMBA cannot be listed as a presenter.
- Jer re-affirmed his commitment to the race and making sure that it happened every year on the May Long Weekend.

Big Races – BikeFest and an Enduro

- **Honorarium for Race Organizers.**
 - Tig informed the board that larger races required a significant amount of planning time that he cannot afford to do for free. He asked if the board would be open to paying a significant honorarium for the position of chief organizer as well as provide some funds for a second position to help with the logistics.
 - The board felt that the request is reasonable considering the amount of work involved.
- **Tri-Annual Race Schedule**
 - Tig suggested a Tri-Annual Race Schedule with a year off, an Enduro the next year, and a BikeFest the next year.
 - Cam Jer, Will, Jennifer, Peggy, Taio, Tom, and Jill spoke in favour of the plan.
 - Jen suggest that Tig start to keep a journal of the steps required to put on a race in order to pass on the knowledge.
 - Tom expressed concerned for the effect that the Enduro has on the trails when it takes place in June, as there is no ability to repair the trails during the summer.
 - Tom is keen to see how much better the BikeFest could be with a more consistent HIMBA involvement leading up to the race.
 - Jill suggests that perhaps more time off between races would be desirable.
 - Jill suggests that the membership engagement committee discuss and bring back to the board at the next meeting. We will do this.

Bike Camps Proposal. Discussion on HIMBA's response to a request for input from the Parks and Trails Steering Committee on a proposal from Big Mountain Adventures for a series of MTB camps to take place on Hornby Island

- Ilse sent a letter to HIMBA outlining her six person hiking group's opposition to a bike camp. Of course HIMAB is interested in the opinion of other trail users, but we think that Ilse should send her letter directly to the Park Steering Committee.
- Jill introduced the proposal pointed out the pro's-and-cons letter and asked if anyone any things to add. Tom suggests that we stipulate that no full summer activities take place, just shoulder season.
- Peggy wonders if we should be encouraging more accommodations to come into existence, how Chris will help us with fundraising. and how he will help HIMBA.
- Tom and Jill had a meeting with Chris and he said he will be using pre-existing local accommodation, he has fundraising experience, and he would be able to help HIMBA grow.
- Taio wonders why Chris's camps are aimed at 12 to 18 year olds and 50+. We expect that it is a question of the demographics of those who are prepared to pay for the camps.
- Jill remarks that in meeting Chris, he seems like a person who understands the Hornby ethos and is a community minded person.
- Peggy asks what effect our feedback would have. Tom clarified that the Parks and Trails committee will make a recommendation to the regional district partially based on our feedback.
- Jill asks that we not vote, but that we have a round table discussion and attempt to come to a consensus.
- Following discussion, the round table unanimously supports the proposal, with varying levels of conditions. Two people felt that we should consider a no-mid summer camps request.

Website upgrades:

We need to get an online donation system in place. Jer and Tig will work on this via the Membership Outreach Committee

Parks and Trails Committee Request:

- We have been asked to suggest a replacement for Sasha LeBaron on the Parks and Trails Committee.
- Jill would love to see that person be a woman.
- Tig suggests Amanda Zelinski. He will contact her.

Joe Ride Skills Park:

- Jennifer gave an update on the skills park. It is coming together well, Ryan has the main structure in place Ryan has discovered that there is a lot more clay in the mix and he might need some sand.
- Jer said that he had checked in on the progress and it looks good.
- The name for the skills park–Joe Ride–was discussed and has been approved.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15